Grand menagerie of Dunlun (Not Jurassic Park) season 1

There has been an incident at the menagerie and three heroes have been summoned to the park they make their way through the crowd at the gate and meet the owner Matthew Higglebottom (Not John Hammond). They are Bolo the Ranger (dwarf), Von Hilda the barbarian (half-ork) and Moriarty the rouge (Drow). He explained the situation (partly) and promised to pay their fee and told them there goal, to recover the fork of truth, the knife of lies and the place setting of meh. He also tells them about an eco-terrorist group called the Karma vigilantes aka the Eco-freakos. (Not to be confused with the treehuggers who are strictly non-violent) and to rescue any survivors Moriarty tries to intimidate Higglebottom into giving more who agrees and runs off directing them to his security man Zee Conductor (he's French) who is very condescending toward the group he explains that they need to get 3 keys to open the lock down on the central promenade (it is also established that the heroes have no idea what's in the park despite being surrounded by signs and maps causing Zee Conductor to think they are idiots more so).

He was to act as their guide But as the inner door is opening he is killed and eaten by 6 velociraptors (An allosaurus is also there but he can't get through the gap and leaves after losing interest) during the fight von Hilda is surrounded and almost killed but they manage to emerge victorious after that a loading portal appears (Darian got back from the city and was making a character) denoting the impending arrival of Makoda the sorcerer/cleric (human) but he has lag so it takes time to load and the vague outline of his form is constantly shifting and morphing, There is also a loading bar.

After a few minutes of rest and receiving some healing elixirs, Moriarty rummages through Zee Conductors pockets and finds a book written in a strange dead language (French) but still deduces where the keys most likely are. The Petting Zoo, the Meat and Greet and the Green Eatery. They decide to head to the petting zoo first as they set out the portal follows because it is tethered to them. Along the way a pterodactyl swoops to attack misses all of them and hits the portal and is sent to the other side.

They continue to the zoo and along the way they see body parts and von Hilda humorously mistakes a broken tree limb for a person’s and is upset and vows revenge till Moriarty corrects her, they arrive to find it empty except an old stegosaurus and a triceratops. (The stegosaurus is a beloved idol to children everywhere) as they approach small what are assumed to be baby dinos scatter there is a petting area a gift shop and an administration/nurses building. Moriarty sneaks over to the gift shop and sees a dead body, he summons the others, they not so stealthily go over but the portal near the end of its loading remains by the gate. They go inside and begin searching Bolo discovers that the body is a wood elf and one of the Karma vigilantes he has a manifesto and is badly mauled and missing an arm. (He is also wearing a commie hat and has big fake moustache) while this is happening Moriarty after looking for evidence of what killed him sneaks over to the administration building and notices that it

has been picked in a hurry. He is about to pick it himself when he knocks on the door and hears a voice. It is the matron/nurse who after some smooth words insisting the big kahuna sent him lets Moriarty in (she is vaguely Scottish) inside are six children who have been hiding. Moriarty asks about the key but it has gone missing so he convinces them all to stay there and hide till he comes back and exits.

As he was sneaking back the portal finishes loading and Makoda finally appears but right behind him is an allosaurus and hanging from its mouth is an arm holding a key! (The arm of the elf if that wasn't obvious) it was bemused by what had happened before it (like a certain skyrim guard) giving the sorcerer a chance to grab the key a fight eschews during which Makoda permanently makes the sun invisible for everyone forever. (Till someone can get close enough to dispel it) Light still works as though it is still there. Also when Makoda dies his hair and nails will keep growing until his body rots away. However the beast is slain before von Hilda got a shot at it so in a blood rage she attacks Stego and everyone ended up fighting him (the triceratops wandered off) after it twigged to the group that they just killed the beloved Idol of children everywhere, So a zone of darkness is cast (by Moriarty) to hide the body and the children are let out. they immediately ask where Stego is and Moriarty convinced them he is just gone away and then exposes them to the fact that the sun is gone and that freaks them out but he assures them that Stego has gone to find the sun which calms them down and the group escorts them to the gate within sight of the gate three deinonychus (jp raptors) ambush Moriarty during the fight one is killed but due to wild Magic the other 2 don't believe that their forms are their own and Moriarty convinced them they were lizard folk call Peebles and Bambam who were his followers and turned into dinosaurs. They believe him and are fundamentally changed and are now his followers. The children and matron are rescued and the crowd at the gate rejoice. However throughout the city some people are understandably freaking out about the sun being gone.

Season 2

We start off this portion of our adventure in the hyperbolic time chamber at the adventurers club where our group rest up, "re-mind" and train our two new dino-chums Peebles the Fey Powered Warlock and Bambam monk of the sun! (Ironically the sun is now invisible though that point never really came up) While at the club Moriarty sorts things out and gets the porter Bopter Gunter to fetch things like all the new gear for Peebles and Bambam and three pamphlet style maps of the menagerie (never came up again), while this was happening Moriarty wants to find someone to translate Zee Conductor's book from its indecipherable dead language of french until Bolo says he can read it (Matt failed to remember that Bolo was 'vaguely French' which was established prior) in it the rotation schedule of the keys is written down and the existence of the administration section beyond the petting zoo that is not on the public maps is revealed as well as an allusion to something under it the rest is just him

bitching about the incompetence of his staff and those he works with in stereotype French style.

The wild magic sorcerer-cleric Makoda went off to presumably lay low because of the whole sun incident (Darien was heading back from the city again, RMIT) of which only him and Moriarty knew 100% that it was him and Moriarty wasn't going to tell. Bolo was pretty sure it was him and wanted to tell everyone but at this point most people in the city haven't noticed the sun is missing and are more likely to come up with conspiracies more logical and believable then the truth that it just happened ‘cause wild magic. (I.e. Who is most likely to benefit or the gods are angry) after a while (Triss and Dean had to sort out their characters) the group set out without Makoda and heads into the park and decides to head to the "Green Eatery" a large garden park where the herbivores wander peacefully. The quickest way to get there is directly past the central pavilion (think crystal palace Victorian England) which is in its locked down due to the crisis along the way Peebles eats a rat in the bushes and Bambam raids a hot dog stand close to the pavilion, the group has a quick examination of it and finds a big red lock on what passes for the front door which the group deduces that it is for the Crimson Key which according to the book is key to the city sized.

The group carried on some get the feeling something is watching them from the trees. They get to the entrance arch/gate of the Green eatery (or green park as it was referred to by some of the party) but there are no creatures about just signs that they have passed through. Beyond the arch is a path sided by topiaries in the shape of triceratops, while looking about Bolo sees some graffiti but thinks its bad street art on the gate. Moriarty looks and sees it is slogans from the Karma vigilantes and also one that says meeting this way. Moriarty reads this and Bambam runs forward followed Peebles when 4 of topiaries come to life and attack! At this moment Makoda teleports in (Darian returned) startling a sneak attacking topiary! The following battle is fierce (and rife with innuendo regarding shaving and neither regions) Peebles was even knocked out! During the fight wild magic struck while Bambam was getting healed and he gained the effect of the horn of blowing on his nose permanently which gave his nose a tickle cause him to unleash its awesome might! In the end however the clever Peebles used her fey power to cause all the plants in 100 feet to grow wild and take root locking the two remaining topiaries to the ground as well as two that had remained still waiting to pounce!

After that the group recovers for a bit and Moriarty and Bambam scout ahead melding with the scenery and naruto running ahead. After a short while they find a sign with the Karma vigilantes sign that says 'meeting this way starts when the sun passes the crow' Moriarty didn't know what time the sun bit meant and Bambam can't read so they sneak ahead and hear murmuring and general milling about. They discover a group of 19 Eco-freakos waiting around by a stage normal used for plays and concerts at the park. At Various places surrounding the stage are some dinosaurs a pachycephalosaurus (dome head) is behind the crowd in front of the stage, a ankylosaurs (armoured back with club

tail) is on a rope being held by one of the crowd toward the right side (Moriarty deduces that it was either brought in or tamed Bambam just thinks too tough to eat) a brontosaurus and a stegosaurus are off eating away from the stage (which is close to the edge of a big open area so they weren't that close just visible). On the stage is the newest general of the Karma vigilantes, it's his first day and his first public speech, he is nervous because he doesn't know when to start because the sun is gone and his speech writer hasn't turned up because they didn't know when to turn up for the same reason.

There is also a somewhat confused band of 6 Rock bards there for a gig (it was reviled later that they were smoking some of the 'good stuff' explaining their lack of a grasp on the situation) after a while the general begin a poorly executed impromptu speech to mediocre response from the crowd during which he shows off the square key. During the speech Moriarty and Bambam move into action, Moriarty disguised with a bush sneaks behind the stage one member of the crowd sees him but (Matt rolled a Nat 20) but is moved to tears at the beauty and wonder that is nature as he sees a moving bush. Bambam sneak through the trees and foliage behind dome head and bites him on the tail sending it charging through the crowd and into the stage where it gets stuck and flays wildly causing the whole crowd to descend into chaos as they try to deal with the beast. While this is happening Moriarty jumps up to the stage and calls to the band to follow and he manages to convince not only the band but the general too! (Matt rolled well over 25 total!) Bambam tries to add to the chaos even more and attacks the clubtail but just pisses him off and a swipe from him sends Bambam flying fortunately no one notices as they are busy with dome head so he gets up and follows the fleeing bards.

All this commotion has drawn the attention of the rest of the group who rush to aid their scouts. They all meet up by the sign Moriarty and the bards get there first and take a breather while Moriarty pickpockets the key from the general. The rest of the group turn up and the general realises that he is in with the wrong crowd but before he can get away Bolo arrests him for terrorism. The bards wonder what's going and are questioned. It comes out they had no idea anything was happening and Bambam detects a 'certain odour' and finds a bag of weed to which one of the bards states that for medical use. But he needn't have bothered because Moriarty is more concerned with getting a bonus for saving survivor then turning him in (not that weed is illegal in Dunlun).

They choose to run to the gate as fast and as loudly as they can drawing the attention of a allosaurus but Moriarty casts darkness on the monsters head blinding it with a sphere of magical darkness most of the group sneak past it but it can still hear and smell, the bards are doing what bards do making noise and the allosaurus manages to gobble the drummer and the group escapes as it is eating (and feeling strangely mellowed out). They manage to make it to the gate without incident they make it outside where they are greeted by a contingent of the bard’s fans who are cheering and holding placards nether they or the band notice the drummer is missing. The general is handed over to two guards (presumably) who immediately assassinate him and pretend he was

given to them dead cheat Moriarty out of his reward for the LIVE capture of the general (even if it was his first day) but he was having none of that and intimidates the guards into giving him 30 gold (all they had on him) and their packed lunches for Peebles and Bambam. Makoda uses wild magic to shoot magic missile fireworks into the air which causes Death himself to appear watch the fireworks and chuckle, air gaiter and zoop out it was said that day he came for the drummer, and so this session came to an end.

Season 3

We once again start in the hyperbolic time chamber resting up (from this point on Darien will not be attending due to school so Makoda the 1st level sorcerer/4th level cleric will be run by Matt as a follower) where Moriarty using his criminal contacts gets a report on the players (the factions and items) involved. To summarise Higglebottom is the owner and CFO of Dinoprizes and is known to be a good man. The board of directors along with the president and CEO are as it was described "shady as shit" and wanted to make dino cavalry combined with the latest in weapons technology, but Higglebottom wasn't having it. The section on the Karma vigilantes described them as Eco-terrorist communist extremists who are more likely to destroy whatever the try to 'protect' example given was instead of defending a wildlife preserve to prevent it from being exploited they burned it down. (That was when they split from the tree huggers and began the commie rhetoric and wearing fake moustaches because elves can't grow real ones) they don't seem to be there to rob the place (at least of artefacts) as for the artefacts themselves nothing is really known beyond legends and rumours apart from the fact they are very old (possibly 1000 years) because no one has been allowed to examine them they might be magic they might not, they could have contained magic but have expended it all none really knows. They are in a glass case in an Exhibit that is normally protected by some guards.

Once he is done reading the group set out and enter the park being careful not to step into the trap Bolo laid by the gate and head toward the Meat and Greet. Along the way the group becomes aware that they are being watched from the bushes so Von Hilda draws her sword and stabs at the bushes impaling a velociraptor killing it and skewing it on the end of her sword enraging a swarm of 6 velociraptors 3 of which surrounds Von Hilda who with a swing of her sword flings the impaled dino into a bin across the road behind her. The fight that followed was swift and brutal for the velociraptors here is a list of how they died, first one was drunk (I called it tipsy because the miniature wouldn't stand so I said it was drunk) and was beheaded by Bolo who then crushed its skull into paste, next Pebbles ripped one to shreds, the next was frozen into a block of ice by Makoda and Bambam diced one up into pâté. As for the remaining two Moriarty went crocodile Dundee on one that rushes the group instead of Von Hilda like four of the others and eventually begins to tame it (he eventually called it Plucky) the other was cowering under a park bench on the opposite side of the road and calls for help summoning two more raptors at this point all the raptors surround Von Hilda are dead (I will admit I did forget her turn) so

she storms over in a rage at not being able to kill anything and bifurcates one of the new raptors mortal kombat style the proceeds to slice through the bench and the raptor beneath it in a single swing destroying the bench and killing the raptor.

The last raptor that just got there just went nope and buggered off. (Fortunately the fight did not attract the attention of anything else) During the fight the group decided to gather the body's to give the T-Rex to feed it and hopefully sate its hunger (this never ending up happening). Pebbles goes and fishes out the corpse that Von Hilda flung in the bin and began to eat it and Bambam ate the puréed one. At this point it was decided to split the party, while Von Hilda, Moriarty and Makoda stayed and picked up the remaining bodies Bolo (who was French disgusted at Bambams and Pebbles eating habits) ran to scout ahead stealthing (as dean put it from rock to rock) followed by Pebbles and Bambam and while Bambam blended in with the foliage, Pebbles happy ran on eating the velociraptor corpse.

Along the way Bolo takes a wrong turn at a not immediately obvious fork in the road and takes the scenic path and ends up at a lookout point on top of a grassy knoll that has a breathtaking view of the Meat and Greet facility (and an abandoned motorcade) the hill has been landscaped so that to people who come up from the path it would look like the lookout was on the edge of a cliff with a sharp drop off. But if you got all the way to the edge you would see that it slopes down (if at a somewhat steep angle). A two wheeled cart with the remains of an eviscerated fat man has crashed into the scenic view sign. Bolo examines the body (it is clearly the body of a parkgoer and not of staff) and apart from some gold in his pockets the only notable thing about him (apart from the evisceration) is that his face is covered in a strange black goo.

While this is happening Pebbles and Bambam sense something around first Bambam thinks something is at the bottom of the hill. During this Bolo investigates the carts contents which is all tourist crap everything from toys and mugs to shaving cream! The cart is full of them but under them he finds a locked mahogany trunk he tries to pick it with his knife but ends up breaking the lock and jamming it shut. He then gets Bambam who then tries to claw it open but fails because it is mahogany (very fine material, very expensive). During this time the other group has meandered up to the gate of the Meat and Greet. Back at the hill Bambam and Bolo look across and are pretty sure they see their companions at the gates Bambam then let's out a blast with his horn of blowing power towards the others the noise and force of the blast knocks over two trees and scares off everything in the wooded area between the knoll and the gate. The blast also started a dilophosaurus the frilled necked venom spitting dinosaur!

The others who have just arrived at the gate hear the horn and Von Hilda who believes that it must mean the others are in grave peril dashes to the source of the sound via the most direct route through the forested area! The others begrudgingly follow. On the grassy knoll the frill-necked lizard is swiftly put

down being finished off by Pebbles and then Bambam throws the trunk down the hill (not to open but just because, he is very pleased) and it smashes open spilling and break its contents on the ground. Bolo then goes to the foot of the hill to search through the wreckage and finds 200 gold, 2 oval cut ruby's, 3 surviving vials 1 ooze(type unknown), I potion of invulnerability and one speed potion. The rest were smashes they hissed and bubbled on the ground he also finds a golden claw (Skyrim style). Bambam who followed him down found some jerky that had been thrown clear and was happy with his find.

At this point Von Hilda charges out of the woods past Bolo and Bambam up the hill almost hits the cart and pirouettes to a stop at the top of the hill (it was at this point mum a.k.a Jacqui got very confused at the proceedings such as 'how did I run past them if they are at the top of the hill' when they were at the bottom and 'are we at the bottom of the hill' once everyone was finally together at the top. I lost control of the group for a bit but everyone had a good laugh in the end.)

Makoda follows not long after while Bolo and Von Hilda talk (mum forgetting that she is on top of the hill so they are yelling at each other que confusion) and Moriarty comes in last all the while he has been taming his new velociraptor Plucky who has been sitting on his shoulder. After a bit of confusion everyone gets to the top of the knoll Moriarty searches the cart himself and finds what are "perfect" replicas of the three artefacts (or at least as far as he knows they are having never seen the originals) that are sold in the souvenir shop and while schemes of villainy run through his head he takes three complete sets. Moriarty and the gang then look out at the Meat and Greet to look for any structural damage such as gaping holes in the walls especially the T-Rex enclosure. It looks to be intact at least from this distance. They then set out to the gates of the Meat and Greet. What will they find? Can they survive? Will they just give up on the keys and just burgle the artefacts? For the answers to these and many more questions Join us next time to the thrilling conclusion to this particular excursion to the Grand menagerie of Dunlun!

Season 4

We re-join our intrepid adventurers at the gate of the Meat and Greet, Pebbles and Bambam succumb to their animal instincts (lizardmen and dinos are similar enough that could happen) and go feast on an unidentified corpse somewhere nearby (Dean and Triss had con flu and could not come). The remaining members are Moriarty, Bolo, Von Hilda and Makoda (Matt runs him as a follower now so he is silent just like Darian's first sorcerer) the gate of the Meat and Greet shows signs of struggle one of the two dino skeletons that side the door has collapsed and there is a lot of blood on the ground but no body parts.

Von Hilda suddenly has a crisis about armour when she realises that she doesn't have any but she thinks she should. Bolo try's to help her sort this out and Moriarty scouts ahead to the central courtyard and comes across a scene of utter carnage blood everywhere it's on the ground it's on the walls it's on the

roundabout/statue of a T-Rex fighting a triceratops, But this too lacks any body's or parts thereof.

This is clearly where the 'incident' occurred, he then hears footsteps and voices approaching from a employees only gate and doubles back to the others and tells them to hide and get ready to fight they are ether survivors or Karma Vigilantes! Moriarty basically becomes invisible and hides behind the left door while Bolo sort of hides behind the right door, Von Hilda just stood there weapon drawn ready to fight as the unknown approached weapons drawn. But they were not who Moriarty thought, for what before them was another group of adventurers or rather the bruised, blooded and mangled remains of one.

Fortunately the situation was defused and it was reviled that they were one of many groups hired to rescue survivors they had five in their group but now only a fighter and rouge remained the rest falling to the T-Rex and other beasts lurking about, also he told off hand that the gate to the T-Rex enclosure was open. when asked about the keys they had no idea what they were on about as the just assumed that our heroes were just doing the same as them which draws the suspicion of the fighter but he was too hurt to care he advised that the get out of dodge before the army raids the menagerie to clear out the vigilantes. Moriarty talks jive with the rouge and finds out the best way to the security/administration building which is following the main elevated public walkway and then they leave.

The gang then head out and reach the security office which was the scene of a battle at least on the outside on the inside it seems normal enough a desk for a receptionist, a small waiting area nothing noteworthy. They then find the Chiefs office and discover that it is Zee Conductors office. Since Bolo reads French he sifts through the papers on his desk (fortunately he didn't look through the draws as it was late jokingly established they contained the equivalent of his browser history) and he finds a note and diagram of where the key is hidden and how to get it all you have to do is activate the feed elevator in the T-Rex enclosure! Also activating the elevator rings a bell to let them know when foods up.

Moriarty wasn't pleased but he searched the room and found a safe which he opened, inside was 600 gold in bribes and evidence that they were in fact bribes (but not from whom) as well as receipts and documents for lots of armour and weapons from the board of directors that proved were up to very sketchy stuff and were trying to hide it from Higglebottom, hence the bribes, Zee Conductor was in league with them but keep some blackmail materiel just in case. There was also a sealed box with the imprint of a cheese wheel on it. (It was not opened, probably for the best) pocketing the contents of the safe and learning from that there was an armoury below them on the ground floor they descend down an exterior stairway, but find the doors busted in and it mostly ransacked almost all the highest grade and exotic armour and weapons have been taken,

one cage however seems to be untouched (for reference the armoury was divided into cages/cells).

Moriarty also spies a locked longbox lying in the shadows overlooked in one of the rummaged cages. He opens it and finds a snap open rifle with five tranquilliser dart rounds (this is a very rare level weapon after all they were dealing with T Rex's and remember "we spared no expense") in the remaining cage/lock up is normal stuff (bows and swords) but of high quality (+1) though it was the standard for the park (any special 'riot armour' was taken) however apart from the leather armour all the sizes were non-human (a human could wear them but they would be ill fitting and uncomfortable and vice-versa) not that this was a problem for a Drow, a dwarf and a half Ork. (We forgot about Makoda) they traded up for better gear only thing was everything was emblazoned with the logo of the Grand Menagerie and clearly of 'security' style.

Moriarty managed to not only remove the logo on his (acrylic paint) and von Hilda's new armour (she got some half plate) but painted it on his old armour and used it as replacement for the one he took. Bolo was indifferent to the logo and donned a breastplate and helm with the logo he now looks like he works there. Everyone except von Hilda trades up there weapons too all plus one and all have the logo this time on little plaques screwed on. (these were also removed except for Bolo’s)

Once everyone was sorted Bolo and von Hilda head to the underground service tunnels to reach the elevator while M&M head to the 8 meter high walk way where they have a birds eye view of the feeding zone. While waiting for ten or so minutes Moriarty reads a plaque that talks about the family of T Rex's that live here to which his response is simply "shit" (also it was established that is was about 4ish in the afternoon). Down in the tunnels after a few wrong turns into supply closets they find the elevator and hit a small hitch due to the fact that the lever to start it was across the room (safety feature) but Bolo with his rope skills manages not only flip it but manages to wrangle the rope back.

They rise without incident and when they reach the top the bell rings out. Acting swiftly von Hilda smashed the glass fronted box that had emerged alongside the elevator and grabbed the Crimson key which is 'key to the city' sized, stuffs it (very uncomfortably disadvantage on Dex) down the front of her armour and bolts for that gate just as what appeared to be a “two-headed” T. rex walked around the corner barring the way out (the two-headed bit was added as a retcon joke due to the fact a wild magic effect that dispelled any enchantment or spells happened but since it was just a dinosaur it did nothing effective and the toy I used was a two headed dinosaur has no effect other than

flavour an illusion someone did as a joke) von Hilda slides between its legs avoiding a snap from its maw and ended up behind it.

Bolo shoots it with a bolt from his crossbow and Makoda shoots through the floor of the walkway (the gate was directly beneath it to hide it from the public) with a acid chaos bolt (insert useless wild magic here) which ate through the floor leaving a hole (halving the damage) and hit the Rex's head. Moriarty then took this opportunity to shoot it with a dart paralysing it and signing its death warrant (honestly, they killed it in one round!) Bolo went straight up and started slashing at its throat causing it to spray blood all over him covering him completely in blood. (Not even slasher films have this much blood) Makoda hits it with a spell striking it and the wild magic effect causes it to see beyond the boundaries of this plane and it sees the eldritch horrors that lie beyond e.g. Cthulhu and it goes insane. (Due to proximity Bolo 'saw' this happen and was aware of it important later) von Hilda just straight up disembowelled it, guts went everywhere including von Hilda, the half-digested remains of an adventurer fall out of its bowels but no one felt like looting it especially von Hilda who was more concerned about being covered in entrails and all that that implies. (For those wondering how this happened when it was knocked prone everyone got advantage on hit and auto crit. Von Hilda roll a Nat 20 and got double crit and took just about half its health in one go!) Bolo instead went to work to take a tooth and ended up shattered the top of its skull this caused all the top teeth to just fall out totalling about 30 teeth ranging from 5-9 inches.

Meanwhile on the increasingly unstable walk way Makoda falls through the still growing acid hole gaining disfiguring acid burns to his hands and half of his face (two face) as he flails about trying to grab on to something (rolled a 1) and lands in the splayed open guts of the T. rex sending feces and innards flying. Bolo for some reason unknown to all but him cut out some of the eldritch tainted brain of the insane dinosaur and manages to convince Makoda who is covered in unsavoury muck gasping for breath as he escapes the T Rex's intestines to eat it because it will heal him and he does causing him to go half mad (and causing him to wild magic on just about everything he does) to which Bolo goes "whoops I forgot you’re a sorcerer not a warlock." Was he compelled to do this? Did he just think it would be a funny joke? Well it doesn't matter now.

With the key in hand the crew bugger out toot sweet grab Pebbles and Bambam who are none too fresh themselves (someone had an adventure) and head to the gate where they find dismembered foot caught in Bolos trap, Moriarty recognises the boot as the one that belonged to the fighter from before. As they leave the main gates they see all the civilians have been cleared form the area and the military is martialling. Nobody bothers them partly due to the fact that groups were coming in and out but mostly because most of them were covered in gore and viscera. When you see a dwarf covered head to toe in blood you don't bother him. They head to the club to recuperate but are denied entry until they are hosed down! And that is where this chronicle of this chapter ends till next time.

Season 5

After a through hosting down we join our heroes in the hyperbolic time chamber deep in discussion firstly about bathing to get rid of the bits of viscera that were still in their nooks and crannies then about their next action or more to be precise Moriarty is trying to figure out how to maximize their profit ranging from using the blackmail material they got from Zee Conductors office on the board of directors for hush money, doing the honest thing and giving the material to Higglebottom for a bonus or doing both and figuring out how to make fake replicas of the artefacts they were hired to retrieve (this last point was either dropped or forgotten over the course of the discussion). Eventually matters moved to how they were going to achieve this and they sent for the floor plans to the central pavilion from the city planners office and (with some pointers from the office) figured out the location of the artefacts (Craig inadvertently found them immediately under fine arts or as he saw fire ants) once the matters were settled the group head off minus Pebbles who had either too much to eat or ate something off and wasn't feel well so just stayed behind sleeping (no character sheet).

When they reach the gate the past the army regiment assembling in the courtyard (think car park) out the front of the gates and learn from a guard that they had about an hour and 45 minutes before the army attacked at sundown (the sun is still gone by the way through for the most part people are dubious and just think it's an optical illusion or clouds or something and those that do like sun priests are trying to keep it hush hush), Moriarty wishes them good luck with that (sarcastically) and the enter the park. Just beyond the inner gate is the foot that was in Bolos magical trap indicating that there were no dinos around.

They stealth toward the pavilion or they at least try Moriarty just fades into nothing as usual and the others go from bush to bush, rock to rock and tree to tree except for von Hilda who makes an effort but is not stealthy. They make it to the door unopposed and Moriarty uses the Crimson key with the lock opening the door, but not before Turning it the wrong way and setting off some blow darts which he and von Hilda deftly avoid. Moriarty cracks the massive door open a crack and peers in seeing a hastily made barricade and some movement. Could it be the vigilantes or is it survivors? Just as Moriarty tells the others von Hilda kicks in the doors weapons drawn and charges in screaming a battle cry followed by Bambam they are shot at and man clad in full armour (covered in endorsements) jumps down from the barricade and demands that they holt.

Von Hilda doesn’t take kindly to that and proceeds to make him a soprano by destroying his “manliness” earning her the nickname and reputation of the De-Testiculator. The others also pile in bringing the champion to his knees and causing him to surrender and in a squeaky high pitched voice (a few glass panes

shattered from the screams of the champion telling the archers to drop their weapons) all except one archer (there were three total two were security at the park one just a random adventurer) who refused to surrender to 'you vigilante scum' but after a barrage of attacks (including wild magic which unbeknownst to him made him immune to gaze attacks) finally stood down, especially after von Hilda scaled the barricade. Now that the fighting was over von Hilda saw 100 civilians behind the barricade.

Moriarty gave some health potions to the champion who he learns that is a famous hero/champion known as 'captain' Michael Richardmoore who was here on a signing tour (Michael or Mickey as Moriarty called him was rather deflated after he found out that he was defeated by people who didn't even know who he was) Moriarty did his usual intimation tactics on him to make him compliant and help get authority over the civilians after threats of death from von Hilda and Bolo (toward the civilians jus to be clear) but Moriarty managed to explain it was all a mistake. It mostly works and they arrange for the barricade to be dismantled and Moriarty, Makoda and Bambam head off to recover the artefacts leaving Bolo and von Hilda in charge of the civvies (they favoured the do as I say or die method Bolo was not intimidating but von Hilda was.)

Moriarty and Co. take the 'scenic' route through various stores and raided there cash registers along the way. When they found the fine arts exhibit they entered and saw the displays and saw that some seemed to be missing leaving only a plaque and a shadow where the glass display boxes should be. Moriarty looks for traps and Makoda casts detect magic (wild magic effect he has a red flashing light above his head think airplane tower or police light) but nether find anything just a shadow. Then after a while Moriarty looks up (Finally) and sees them suspended by chains.

They head upstairs to the upper level and Makoda detects that the chains are magical. Moriarty find a small clover etched into the railing that directs him to a small key hole, he uses the clover key which lowers the exhibits and sets off a very loud alarm because they forgot to turn off the security system. Thinking fast Makoda casts silence on the alarm quieting it for ten minutes allow them to recover the artefacts (wild magic effect Makoda and Moriarty are now immune to cantips) they returned to the main group and found that 15% percent of them were injured and 10% of those could not walk. So they concocted a plan where they grabbed carriages from an exhibit that Bambam and von Hilda would pull (Bolo would help out Bambam) and would keep going due to momentum.

Once they were ready they told the group to set off according to the plan Bolo had organised but it didn't all go to plan about seven of the more athletic people just bolted (including the “champion” Richardmoore) the rest were split

between one group that was rushing ahead and another that hung closer to the wagons for protection. After a few minutes Moriarty sensed something big and heavy was heading up from behind but was still a way off and he heard high pitched screams from up ahead, as the got closer he saw the champion (unwillingly) fighting an allosaurus as people rushed by (think people fleeing Godzilla) those hanging back speed up to run for the gate.

Moriarty took out his tranq gun and shot the allosaurus paralysing just as it chomped down on Richardmoore causing it to fall and injure 3 people. The carriages manage to get there in time before the dart wore off, recover the three and put them on the cart (Bolo was going to cast some sort of healing magic on the champion but his spell would of healed the dinosaur as well so he didn't) Moriarty decided to focus on saving the civilians instead of prying Richardmoore out of its mouth (especially when he saw what was behind them!) so the champion suffocated to death and was swallowed by the allosaurus (who I'm sure had a terrible tummy ache later) while loading the carriage Moriarty looked back and saw a armour plated T. rex (complete with rider) bearing down on them from the pavilion.

It is now a race to the gate Bambam gets a lead and manages to get out (Bolo jumps off and starts taking shots at the T. rex) but von Hilda falls behind as her cart wheel hits a pot hole letting the armoured behemoth catch up to them. Moriarty cast darkness on the beast head covering it and the rider in inky blackness. The T. rex blindly charges forward and two rockets burst froth killing the gate keepers who were yelling encouragement from the top of the gate and damaging the gate mechanism. As von Hilda's carriage charges through the gate Moriarty spots an emergency shut button and hits it with a ricochet from his crossbow. The gates slam shut or at least try because both of them catch something the inner gate traps the T. rex and the outer gate catches the carriage.

As Moriarty got people out of the carriage and out of the gate two more rockets blindly fire striking the gate and wall showering those trapped In between the gates with debris. (Outside the gate is just chaos no help is coming from there any time soon) The two security archers who were with von Hilda cart shit themselves and flee while the party descends upon the trapped T. rex (wild magic effects during fight Makoda spiritual weapon which took the form of a mechanical facehugger gained the ability to reverse its gravity once a day sparking a debate on how gravity effects magic and causing the T. rex's skeleton to glow when it was angry, which it currently was, think X-Ray cross with glow in the dark).

The T. rex failed to free its self as Bolo chopped off its toes (and used his potion of speed) and von Hilda desperately searched for its unprotected parts of its neither regions living up to her new nickname. But in the end Moriarty shot through the magical darkness and shot it in the eye finishing it off. Its mysterious rider used the darkness to escape while cackling and saying I'll get you next time and that my dear reader is where we end this adventure with the crowd cheering when they saw the monster was dead and victory was achieved. The army wasn't too happy, though mostly because they had to clear the gates now but hey that's not the teams problem now is it.

The end of the adventure of the Grand menagerie of Dunlun

Rewards summery

(Due to epilogue session being skipped rewards were given out of campaign)

Gold:

Fee 500

Reward for artefacts (after authentication) 1000 total

Due to the large number of civilians directly saved *insert team name here* was given the deed to property formally belonging to a powerful magic user that Dinoprizes Inc. had acquired it comes complete with staff and all objects of said magic user left behind including a Apparatus of Kwalish under a sheet in the stable. (Just you asked for Craig)

1 (refurbished) carriage – out of gratitude some of the people saved fixed up one of the carriages and gave it to the team as a thank you gift. (The other was used in an exhibit replicating the battle of the gates)